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Titl of Application: Method Of Reducing ESD Damage In Thin Film Read Heads Which Enables Measurement Of Gap Resistance

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This application is a: ____ Continuation X Divisional of prior application Serial No. 09/753,804.

Fee Calculation

| | Claims | | Extra | Rate | Fees |
|--------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-----------|----------|
| Basic Fee | | | | \$750.00 | \$750.00 |
| Total Claims | 23 | -20 = | 3 | × \$18.00 | \$54.00 |
| Independent Claims | 1 | -3 = | 0 | × \$84.00 | |
| Multiple Dependent Claim | | | | \$280.00 | |
| | | | * | TOTAL | \$804.00 |

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